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What is the Ontario Senior Citizens' **Privilege Card?**



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It's a new card issued by the Ontario government to serve as senior citizen identification for the increasing number of privileges available to seniors throughout the province.

The back of your new card will look like this, and should be filled in as indicated.



A very important part of your new card is your signature. Without your signature you cannot use the card. Therefore, you should sign it as soon as you receive: it Your signature also verifies that the card belongs to you. It cannot be used by anyone else and should not be let out of your possession.

Who is eligible for the Privilege Card?

All residents of Ontario, age 65 and over, are entitled to an Ontario Senior Citizens' Privilege Card, If you are eligible and have not received your card by the end of September 1975, see "Who is Eligible for Drug Benefit".

What privileges does the card entitle me to?

Your Ontario Senior Citizens' Privilege Card allows you to enjoy free of charge or at reduced rates the following services and facilities:

- Ontario Drug Benefit: if your card has a number on it, right below your name on the front, then you are automatically eligible for the Ontario Drug Benefit. Not everyone is. Those who aren't will receive an identical Ontario Senior Citizens' Privilege Card without a number. Details about Drug Benefit and who is eligible are on the back of this pamphlet.
- All Ontario provincial parks
- Many historical and cultural sites in Ontario such as Ontario Place, the Ontario Science Centre, Upper Canada Village, and Royal Botanical Gardens.
- Some businesses which offer special discounts for senior citizens.
- Some transit systems that have senior citizen rates. Check with the Information Office of your local transit system. (Your Local transit may still require that you use a specific card issued by them),
- A list of organizations and companies honouring your privilege card will be available at a later date at all Offices of the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Where can I get information about programs for seniors?

Most communities in Ontario have special activities, clubs or centres for senior citizens. For information about programs in your community contact your nearest Elderly Persons Centre, Senior Citizens' Club, Community Information Centre, Social Planning Council, Public Library or City Hall.

A booklet entitled "Resources for Senior Citizens" is available at all Offices of the Ministry of Community and Social Services (listed on the back of this pamphlet), or write to:

Ministry of Community and Social Services Communications Branch, 7th Floor, Hepburn Block Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1E9

What is Ontario Drug Benefit?

The Drug Benefit provides, free of charge, only the more than 1,500 drugs listed in Ontario's Drug Benefit Formulary. The Formulary does not list all drugs available, but does contain enough to meet most medical needs.

Drug Benefit applies only to prescriptions filled in Ontario. Your card cannot be used outside the province. The card, if numbered, replaces the monthly Drug Benefit Eligibility Card.

For more detailed information about Drug Benefit write to:

Ontario Senior Citizens' Privilege Card Drug Benefit, Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 2S3

How do I use my card for Drug Benefit?

Be sure to tell your doctor or dentist that you are eligible for Drug Benefit before a prescription is written. Your doctor or dentist should have your privilege card number when he or she phones your pharmacy regarding a prescription.

When you are going to the pharmacy to have a prescription filled be sure to show the card to your pharmacist, otherwise you may have to pay for medication. Do not leave your plastic privilege card with your pharmacist — you will need it for the other services listed in this pamphlet.

Who is eligible for Drug Benefit?

Drug Benefit in Ontario applies to persons 65 and older who receive federal Old Age Security; or the Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) cheque; or who have resided in Ontario for the past 12 months.

If you have received a privilege card with a number below your name on the front, then you are automatically entitled to Drug Benefit.

If you have resided in Ontario for the past 12 months, but do not receive Old Age Security or GAINS cheques, you must apply for a numbered privilege card for Drug Benefit. Write to:

Ontario Senior Citizens' Privilege Card Drug Benefit, Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 2S3

What if I lose my Privilege Card?

If you lose your Privilege Card then write to us right away at the above address.

Privilege Card Without a Number

If you don't qualify for Drug Benefit but are 65 or over and a resident but have not lived in Ontario for 12 months, you are still eligible to receive an Ontario Senior Citizens' Privilege Card without a number. It won't entitle you to free drugs but will entitle you to the other available privileges.

To obtain an unnumbered privilege card complete the application form below. Include a copy of proof of your age such as your birth certificate, passport or driver's license (most public libraries will copy your document for a small charge).

Mail to: Ontario Senior Citizens' Privilege Card Box 21000, Station "A" Toronto, Ontario M5W 1Y5

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Ontario Senior Citizens' Privilege Card.

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Address:	Street Name and Number	Apt. No.

Phone Number: _____ I declare that I am a resident of Ontario and that the enclosed proof of age is a true copy of an original document.

Don't forget

to enclose proof of your age, do not send actual document, send a copy only.